

Waterways Commission Mooring Regulation Working Group Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

SMC

6:30 pm

In attendance- Working Group Members: Mike Gibbons, Fran McMillen, Brain Cronin, Keith Walo, Michael Lorusso, Dave Glancy, Peter Toppin, Michael McDonough, John Murphy, Dave Dauphiee.

Harbormaster Stephen Mone was unable to attend Working Group.

1. Mooring Regulation Change discussion-

The Harbormaster has proposed numerous changes to the existing mooring regulations to improve efficiency of the wait lists, of assigning mooring spaces clarify ownership to be in compliance with DEP. This meeting was a working group meeting to make recommendation to the Waterways Committee, there was a quorum of the WW's presents but no votes were taken.

The meeting was structured that the changes were read, the working group (WG) discussed, the audience in attendance was asked for their comments, and the WG agreed on its' recommendations. The version of changes discuss was the June 3, 2016 revisions. Prior to the next meeting the changes will be posted on the WW's website. (July 2016 revision) All changes discussed are recorded in this file.

Item 8- Mooring applicants will have 10 calendar days to make a decision on accepting or refusal of a mooring. Will be considered.

Item 9- *It is the applicants and the mooring holder's responsibility to know the mooring rules, regulations and waterways bylaws.*

WG Suggestions:

- The bylaws will be posted on the town web page as changes are made.
- There will be no print copy until new mooring rules and regulations are approved by the Board of Selectmen.
- Town Council reviews final revision, before submitted to Selectmen.

C. Registration of Newly Assigned Mooring Permit

Item 1-bullet #2- ***Copy of registration or USCG documentation, the only name that shall be on the registration or USCG document is the mooring holder. Joint ownership or trust on registration or document will not be accepted at any time.***

Bullet #5- Proof of paid boat excise, ***the only name that shall be on the excise form is the mooring holder. Joint ownership or trust on excise forms will not be accepted.***

Bullet #6- Copy of boat title, ***the only name that shall be on the title or document is the mooring holder. Joint ownership or trusts on excise forms will not be accepted.***

WG opinion, with only a single name of the mooring holder on registration or USCG documentation was too restrictive.

- a. Find out what other towns have as a policy.
- b. Clarify what Chapter 91 allows.
- c. Address partnerships issues.

Needs to be address further by Harbormaster Stephen Mone

Mooring Rules and Registration

Item 2- Proof of boat excise tax payment ***along with completed boat excise tax form for the next fiscal year*** must be provided to the Harbormaster as part of the registration process ***along with a copy of the current registration, along with current title and/or current USCG documentation, current insurance certificate.*** These documents shall be required every year.

WG Suggestion: Title only needs to be supplied once, or when there is a change to the title.

Needs Harbormaster Stephen Mone's input.

Item 3- ***A mooring seal/band will be placed on the mooring each year by the Harbormaster or a designee.***

WG questions need to be addressed by Harbormaster Stephen Mone

- a. What is the cost?
- b. Inflatable moorings does the ball have to be changed?
- c. Could the tag damage the mooring gear in anyway?
- d. Doesn't the number on the mooring ball supply the same purpose?

WG wanted to talk to the HM to get details.

WG meeting adjourned at 7:50, so members could attend Elmer Pooler's waterfront memorial service.

Next Waterways Meeting date – July 14th at SMC – 7:15 pm